

LABOR COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2009

10:00 a.m.

**Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South, Third Floor
Salt Lake City Utah 84114**

PRESENT From the Labor Commission:

Sherrie Hayashi, Commissioner

Alan Hennebold, Deputy Commissioner

Larry Bunkall, Director, Industrial Accidents Division

Richard LaJeunesse, Presiding Law Judge

Ron Dressler, Director of Policy, Industrial Accidents Division

Robyn Barkdull, Public Information Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

No Public attendees at this meeting

Commissioner Hayashi began the meeting at 10:00 a.m. noting that no one had appeared to give public comment on the published agenda.

1. R602-2-3. Medical Panel Compensation (Adjudication)

Mr. LaJeunesse explained the purpose of this rule is to increase the compensation rate for medical panel members from \$112.50 to \$125.00 per half hour, and from \$125.00 to \$137.30 per half hour for the medical panel chief.

2. R612-2-5. Medical Fee Schedule (Industrial Accidents)

Mr. Dressler said the purpose of this rule is to update the Labor Commission's Medical Fee Schedule, which limits the fees medical providers can charge for medical care of injured workers. The conversion rates are to be used with the RBRVS procedural unit value as per specialty. The Utah Medical Fee Guidelines and Codes may be obtained from the Labor Commission for a printing and mailing fee or may be downloaded from the Commission's website.

Mr. Bunkall indicated he would like to propose that the Medical Fee Schedule become effective January 1, 2010 to coincide with the calendar year for ease of calculations. Previously the effective date had been scheduled and agreed upon for December 1, 2009, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. Commissioner Hayashi said the Commission would consult Maggie Karpuk from NCCI and determine if there was any problem with moving the effective date to January 1, 2010.

As there were no public comments made relating to promulgation of the proposed rules, the Commission will proceed with the rulemaking process.

The Commissioner adjourned the meeting at 10:15.